

**Village Board Meeting  
Tuesday, March 5, 2013**

A regular Village Board meeting was held on the above date at 7:30 p.m. with the following members present:

PRESENT: Mayor Dagan LaCorte  
Trustee Patricia Abato, Trustee Charles Falciglia,  
Trustee John Meehan, Trustee Jo Meegan-Corrigan

ALSO PRESENT: Virginia Menschner, Village Clerk  
Terry Rice, Village Attorney

ABSENT: None

**SET DATES FOR APRIL MEETINGS:**

The Mayor said the first thing on the agenda is to set the dates for the April meeting. The workshop will be Wednesday, March 27 at 7:00 p.m. and the Board meeting will be Monday, April 1 at 7:30 p.m.

The Mayor said we also need to set a public hearing on the budget. The Mayor said he has to go back and look at the timeline so we will go back to this later.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

**A) Request B Approve 2012 Preliminary LOSAP Report:**

Chief Mike Stark said he had one item on the agenda tonight and that is a request that you approve the 2012 LOSAP program for the fire department. A motion approving the program was made by Trustee Meehan, seconded by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan.

AYES: Mayor Dagan LaCorte  
Trustee Charles Falciglia, Trustee Patricia Abato  
Trustee Jo Meegan-Corrigan, Trustee John Meehan

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

The Mayor thanked the Chief.

The Mayor said he wanted to get back to the budget. He said we have done a slight revision to the budget timeline. Our treasurer, Mr. Zordan, had a little bit of foot surgery, minor surgery, so he is out for a few days. So the preliminary budget, which was to be posted this Friday, will now be posted by next Tuesday because Tom is not returning to work until tomorrow and then we will finish that up and post it online. Again Board members will have the opportunity for the duration of the week to make appointments with Tom and various department heads to discuss the budget. So once it is posted we should set a public meeting sometime during March to take care of this. He said he was also going to ask the Village Board later in the agenda to have a special meeting where we can interview candidates for two positions that we are looking at B part-time building inspector and also recreation coordinator. As the public knows by know, Gail Curtin, who has served the Village for 32 years B Mrs. Curtin said 31 2 years B will be retiring at the end of April and while, as they say, we are not hiring Gail=s replacement because she cannot be replaced but we will be hiring a successor. So we have candidates and what he would like to do is schedule a Board meeting where first we can offer the opportunity for these candidates to come in and talk to the Board and then we can convene a public hearing for the budget. So he guesses we should look at, if he is correct, if everyone wants to look at the week of the 18<sup>th</sup>. He asked if anyone was available on the 18<sup>th</sup>. This is our public hearing on the budget and then we will officially adopt it on April 1 B we will have the vote. Trustee Meegan-Corrigan asked if the 18<sup>th</sup> was a Monday. The Mayor said yes. Trustee Meegan-Corrigan said Kathy is not here that week. Trustee Abato asked if we could do it the following week. The Mayor said that Monday and Tuesday is Passover and we have to have the public hearing and incorporate the public comments. It really needs to be the week of, the latest, is the week of the 18<sup>th</sup>. Because we are going to have the vote on the 1<sup>st</sup> and obviously between the time we have the meeting and the vote we want to take the public comments and incorporate them in the budget. So typically we like to have two weeks. Trustee Abato asked if we could do it on the 20<sup>th</sup>. She asked if anyone had a problem with the 20<sup>th</sup>? The Mayor said yes, he could do the 20<sup>th</sup>. He asked if everyone could do Wednesday, the 20<sup>th</sup>. Trustee Falciglia said we are talking in the evening, right? The Mayor said yes, of course. The Mayor said he would say Wednesday, the 20<sup>th</sup>. He said let=s do the budget hearing at 7:30 but could everyone come at 7 o=clock and we will schedule interviews with the candidates for those positions. Trustee Meehan asked if we could have more time to

interview. He said a half hour doesn't seem like enough interview time if we are interviewing three or four or five candidates. Trustee Falciglia asked how many candidates do we have? Trustee Meehan said maybe 6:30. The Mayor said fine, you want to do 6:30? Trustee Abato said either that or do 7 and then 8 o'clock for the budget hearing. Trustee Meehan said he thinks that is better. The Mayor said you want to do that? Trustee Meehan said yes, let's do that. The Mayor said then let's do 7 o'clock on Wednesday, the 20<sup>th</sup>, and we will call it a special Board meeting and what he thinks we will do is that we will convene the meeting in the court room and then if a Board member makes a motion to go into executive session, if they so prefer, to discuss personnel and then once that is complete we can convene at 8 o'clock here for the budget hearing. The Mayor said to the Village Clerk so if you could possibly please schedule a special meeting at 7 and then a budget hearing at 8:00 p.m. And we will do that on Wednesday, the 20<sup>th</sup>. The Village Clerk said a special meeting at 7:00 and a budget hearing at 8:00. The Mayor said yes. The Mayor said thank you. So again the preliminary budget will be posted online by Tuesday. On behalf of Tom, the Mayor apologizes for his foot surgery but he is recuperating. Trustee Meehan asked when will Tom be available. The Mayor said he will be back tomorrow. Trustee Meehan said oh, he will, okay, thank you. The Mayor said we will have the remainder of the week and Monday if any of the Board members want to come in and talk about the budget. The Mayor said pretty much where we are on our end is where we are pretty much all set in terms of going over expenses. We are now reviewing the revenue. So the expenses are pretty set.

#### **CULTURE AND RECREATION:**

Mrs. Gail Curtin said since the last Village Board meeting they continued to work with AARP for the tax service on Tuesdays and this will continue through April 9 at the LPL building from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. each Tuesday. There was a DARE dance on Friday, February 15. The Farmer=s Market on Saturday, February 23; senior movie afternoon on Thursday, February 28 and LEAD this past Friday, March 1.

Mrs. Curtin said upcoming there is a DARE dance Friday, March 8; and she has Battery Saturday on their agenda but as of this afternoon it was changed to ANot Just Batteries Saturday@ with a really neat flyer that Kathy and she put on the website this afternoon. If you get a chance take a look at it. So that will be

in the parking lot at Village Hall this Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Breakfast with the Bunny and Egg Hunt, Saturday, March 23, beginning at 9 a.m. and then we have a very special evening which the Mayor and she talked about and we are probably going to start posting on the website and on the bulletin boards tomorrow and that is our opportunity to co-sponsor a concert with Talina Toscano, the young lady who is a Village resident, who has grown up here at the pool, with the Brownies, with the Girl Scouts, and still is involved in planting flowers every year outside Village Hall and has an outstanding singing career that has taken off and is giving back to us. She has sang with us, as you know, on our Suffern Day=s and now there will be a concert at the community center on Saturday, April 6. Tickets will be available, by the way, and she will be forwarding to them all that information. Hopefully you can stop by.

Mrs. Curtin said under miscellaneous she thinks the Mayor already took care of the first item by setting a special meeting. Another special, special event which we are working on with a resident of the Village is the donation of a monument in memory of the tragedy at Newtown, CT. Lou Ciaccio, Dan McInerney, and she have been working with this resident, who would like to remain anonymous. All of the art work is done. They are working with a monument company in Rockland County and it will be placed, when it is ready, outside the community center in a very simple, tasteful manner and they are in the process of finding a poem that is fitting, if there is something that is fitting, for that event. And they have reached out B the Mayor has sent a letter to the Mayor, who is really called the select-woman, in Newtown letting them know what we are doing and, of course, inviting them anytime they want to visit that.

Mrs. Curtin said that added to the calendar of dates that you approved a while back they did get a request for Sunday, October 6 for the Breast Cancer Awareness fashion show at the community center which they talked about at the workshop. And then finally she just wanted to mention to them that the 2013 summer calendar B trying to get that done faster than usual B and they are. So that should be out earlier then any other year for obvious reasons. And the same for the pool staff. They are working very diligently trying to put that together for them. The Mayor said excellent and thanked her.

**7:45 P.M. B PUBLIC HEARING B REGARDING PERMITS FOR TREE REMOVAL**

Attorney Rice said this is a request that was made by the code enforcement officers. The law previously provided that a permit was required to remove a tree that was twelve inches in diameter at a height of 54 inches. That created enforcement problems so the request is if you mention 12 inches diameter at a height of 4 inches above the ground. The Mayor asked if anyone had any questions from the Board before he opens it up to the public. Attorney Rice said the problem they were discovering was that if a tree was cut down and you measure it at 54 inches and the tree is already down they had a bit of a proof problem. Trustee Abato said right.

A motion to close the public hearing was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan.

Get

A motion to adopt Local Law No. 1, 2013 was made by Trustee Meehan, seconded by Trustee Abato.

AYES: Mayor Dagan LaCorte  
Trustee Charles Falciglia, Trustee Patricia Abato  
Trustee Jo Meegan-Corrigan, Trustee John Meehan

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

**7:50 P.M. B PUBLIC HEARING B PROHIBITING PARKING ON A PORTION OF RIVERSIDE DRIVE:**

The Mayor said Terry will talk about it but someone had talked to them and the Chief and Chief Osborn looked at the situation in terms of safety. The Chief isn't here tonight. He had a school board meeting but this is something that we talked about at the workshop and the Board meeting he believes last month. Attorney Rice said right. And actually it is a very minor change because when he got the dimensions from the Chief to write the local law he saw in the book that we already had no parking on the west side of Riverside Drive from Lafayette Avenue to a point 250 feet south. So all we are really doing is moving or increasing it thirty feet. The Mayor asked if there were any questions from the Board.

A motion to close the public hearing was made by Trustee Meehan, seconded by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan. Upon vote, the motion was

carried.

Get

A motion to adopt Local Law No. 2, 2013 was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan.

AYES: Mayor Dagan LaCorte  
Trustee Charles Falciglia, Trustee Patricia Abato  
Trustee Jo Meegan-Corrigan, Trustee John Meehan

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

AYES: Mayor Dagan LaCorte  
Trustee Charles Falciglia, Trustee Patricia Abato  
Trustee Jo Meegan-Corrigan, Trustee John Meehan

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

AYES: Mayor Dagan LaCorte  
Trustee Charles Falciglia, Trustee Patricia Abato  
Trustee Jo Meegan-Corrigan, Trustee John Meehan

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

**VILLAGE ATTORNEY:**

**A) Parking Authority Rental Agreement B 120 Orange Avenue:**

Attorney Rice said they have the lease which the Parking Authority is proposing to enter into. It is a one year lease for \$750 per month and other terms in the lease, since the Village is actually the owner of the property, we certainly need to consent to any such lease. The Mayor said he knows that Attorney Rice had reviewed this lease with the Parking Authority. The work, and again we had talked about Charles, some savings and this was done by our Village Attorney that saved some expenses. The term of the lease is one year. And there is no conditional year. Attorney Rice said right. The Mayor said we dealt with that potentially concerning the development along Orange Avenue. We don=t want to be in a situation where we are tied into a lease and we have to

sustain damages to get out of that lease. So it is a one year lease. The Mayor asked if there were any questions on that. Trustee Falciglia asked if they had moved in already? The Mayor said no. Trustee Falciglia said the sweet shop has moved in already? He said he thought they moved in already. The Mayor said not without a lease. They are ready to move in. Trustee Falciglia said he knows they shouldn't. A motion approving the lease was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Falciglia.

AYES: Mayor Dagan LaCorte  
Trustee Charles Falciglia, Trustee Patricia Abato  
Trustee Jo Meegan-Corrigan, Trustee John Meehan

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:**

Roy Tschudy of 16 Lonergan Drive said that first he would like to thank the following people for their attendance on March 2 for the meeting that was held at the community center by the Concerned Citizens of Suffern and that would be thank you Mayor LaCorte for attending and Trustee Falciglia for attending, Trustee Meehan and Mr. Sawicki B thank you very much for attending. Mr. Rella B thank you very much. And thank you Elaine for all your help on that day.

Mr. Tschudy said that very shortly B he would just like to remind the people that he mentioned if they haven't done so already to please submit in an e-mail notification to them, as was requested by the committee, just what you would like to have implemented and what you think would be the best course of action for that day. That is all he has to say and thank you very much for your input. The Mayor thanked Mr. Tschudy and everyone for putting that together. He said he thinks it was a positive forum.

Jim Giannettino of 2 Memorial Drive thanked Gail. Mr. Giannettino said Mr. Tschudy forgot to mention you but you set up most of it. Mr. Tschudy thanked Mr. Giannettino.

Mr. Giannettino said he had a question. He said we just voted to lease out 120. Wouldn't it have made more sense to move the Parking Authority in there than paying the rent that we are paying where we are? Trustee Falciglia said possibly. But he would hope in a couple of months all this may be moot. He said

they are conducting a full review B and he thinks it is no secret B of trying to merge the Parking Authority back into the Village which he anticipates could save significant revenues and especially eliminate problems that can come out in the future. So the fact that this is done now, even if we moved B and he is trying to get a hold of the lease, actually, he and Trustee Meehan on 45 Lafayette. So even if we moved there the question becomes can you break it. Mr. Giannettino said he doesn't know what the term of that lease is. That is why he is asking the question. Mr. Falciglia said that is a good question. It is probably a thousand dollars a month in rent. There are utilities. Supposedly we pay a portion of the taxes. But he and Trustee Meehan are conducting a overall comprehensive B he said he hates to use the word investigation because it sounds B Mr. Giannettino said say review B it sounds better. Trustee Falciglia said a review of moving the Parking Authority into the Village from totally a cost-effective standpoint. The Mayor said again that is Charles and Jack who have been working on that. And again obviously the situation is short term with the potential development which we are looking to move forward in the short run and obviously if that happens there will be public informational meetings on all that. But again, yes, we are looking to save money in the Parking Authority where we can.

Mr. Giannettino said okay. He said his next question is in regards to the position of Recreation Director. Is there a personnel list that you are interviewing from? The Mayor said yes, there is a personnel list. He said we requested the list from Personnel. We are getting the list. He said he thinks it was requested yesterday and it should come in today or tomorrow and then they are going to look to interview. Mr. Giannettino said he was just wondering. He said he knows of some candidates who are on the list who have expressed interest. But yes, there is a civil service list. Mr. Giannettino said otherwise he thought you were going to do a provisional possibly. The Mayor said sorry? Mr. Giannettino said if there wasn't he thought maybe you were going to do a provisional.

Mr. Giannettino said his last thing and it is kind of like a comment. He said the meetings have been switched around somewhat in the last few months. As you can see, a lot of the regulars aren't here. Would it be possible to send this message out through the e-mail system that we have when there is a change. The Mayor said sure. Mr. Giannettino said and also put it on the two bulletin boards only when there is a change. The Mayor said

he understands it. He was surprised. Someone had told him that the meeting was still listed as Monday. Because we changed it when we scheduled it. Trustee Abato said she did. The Mayor said so he apologizes for that. But yes if anything is other than the typical Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. and the following Monday at 7:30 p.m. we will make sure we do that.

Mr. Giannettino said his last question to Terry. He said he was informed today that a one family house is allowed to have one boarder. Attorney Rice said he believes that we still allow a boarder B yes. He is not certain. Mr. Giannettino asked if that was in the book because he doesn=t recall ever seeing that. He asked if Attorney Rice could check that out please. Attorney Rice said yes. He said he knows when they re-adopted the zoning law in 1993 there was a discussion about boarders. He said he thinks they still allow one or two boarders in a house. Mr. Giannettino asked if he could let him know because he has never run across it and he never heard it before. Attorney Rice said yes. A boarder is a specific thing. It shouldn=t become a multi-family by virtue of having a boarder. Mr. Giannettino said that was his question. It is a single family. Are they allowed that one boarder? Attorney Rice said yes, he believes so. Mr. Giannettino said to please let him know. Look it up please.

Trustee Falciglia said he just wanted to make one further comment on the Parking Authority. He said he just wanted to let everyone know that he applauds Bill Schoenleber. He is cooperating fully with this review and he has really worked hard in trying to correct some of the deficiencies there and improve some of the deficiencies. So he just wants to make sure that everyone is aware of that. The Mayor thanked him and said he appreciates that.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

The Mayor said the Chief is not here so he will go through his agenda.

**A) Emergency Operation Plan:**

The Mayor said first we have the Emergency Operation Plan which we adopt every year. Everyone should have been given a copy of that at the workshop. A motion adopt the plan was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

**B) Reimbursement from County for Overtime for Suffern Officers during Maccabi Games this Past Summer - \$4,548.40 B Resolution No. 581-2012:**

The Mayor said the next is a reimbursement from the County for overtime for the Maccabi games this past summer for \$4,548.40.

Get

A motion to adopt Resolution No. 581-2012 was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan.

AYES: Mayor Dagan LaCorte  
Trustee Charles Falciglia, Trustee Patricia Abato  
Trustee Jo Meegan-Corrigan, Trustee John Meehan

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

**C) Reimbursement from County for Overtime for REACT - \$1,218.40 B Resolution No. 67-2013:**

The Mayor said and then similar we have a reimbursement from the County for overtime for REACT for \$1,218.40. That is Resolution No. 67-2013.

GET

A motion to adopt Resolution No. 67-2013 was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan.

AYES: Mayor Dagan LaCorte  
Trustee Charles Falciglia, Trustee Patricia Abato  
Trustee Jo Meegan-Corrigan, Trustee John Meehan

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:**

**A) Training:**

Mr. Charles Sawicki requested authorization for Mr. Scott Brown and Mr. Joe Hunt to attend the Annual CSEA Peer Trainer Refresher Course to be held in Albany, New York on April 16 and 17. This course is provided by the CSEA at no cost to the Village. The Mayor said that is our favorite thing B no cost to the Village. Trustee Abato asked what about transportation and all of that. Is that all provided by the CSEA? Mr. Sawicki said lodging, meals, etc. It is just their time. A motion approving the request was made by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan, seconded by Trustee Abato. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

Mr. Sawicki requested authorization to reschedule two classes for Mr. Nick Fabbriatore which were previously approved by the Board in March, 2012 and scheduled for April, 2012. The class entitled Water and Wastewater Chemistry is being offered on April 10, 2013 and the class entitled Microbiology for the Non-Biologist is being offered on April 17, 2013. These classes will be held at Rutgers, New Brunswick, NJ and satisfy the NYS DEC Continuing Professional Education requirements. A motion approving the request was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Meehan. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

Mr. Sawicki requested authorization for a total of ten (10) DPW employees from the Street, Water and WWTP to attend the Excavation Safety Seminar to be held in Tarrytown, NY on March 19, 2013. This seminar is provided by Dig Safely, New York at no cost to the Village. Trustee Abato asked what day that was on. Mr. Sawicki said March 19. Trustee Abato asked what day of the week. Mr. Sawicki said Tuesday. Trustee Abato said ten employees are going at one time? The Mayor said yes, we talked about this. We are able to work it out. It is from all over. Mr. Sawicki said it is from the three different departments. Trustee Abato asked if we had enough coverage. Mr. Sawicki said yes. A motion authorizing the request was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

Mr. Sawicki requested authorization to attend a Stormwater & Sanitary Sewer Management Seminar to be held in Rye Brook, NY on March 22, 2013. This seminar is being presented by Advanced Drainage Systems Inc. at no cost to the Village. A motion approving the request was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

Mr. Sawicki requested authorization to attend the Stormwater Design for Linear Projects course offered by Cornell Cooperative

Extension in Middletown, NY on March 14, 2014. The total cost of this course is \$225. A motion authorizing the request was made by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan, seconded by Trustee Abato.

AYES: Mayor Dagan LaCorte  
Trustee Charles Falciglia, Trustee Patricia Abato  
Trustee Jo Meegan-Corrigan, Trustee John Meehan

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Mr. Sawicki requested authorization to schedule an educational field trip to the Water Treatment and Wastewater Treatment facilities on March 20, 2013 by the Nanuet High School Environmental Science class instructed by Mr. Chuck Barone. A motion approving the request was made by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan, seconded by Trustee Abato. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

**B) WWTP:**

Mr. Sawicki requested authorization to increase the amount of the Dewatering System Project Professional Service agreement with O'Brien & Gere by \$3,000. The current amount is \$72,500. A motion authorizing the request was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan.

AYES: Mayor Dagan LaCorte  
Trustee Charles Falciglia, Trustee Patricia Abato  
Trustee Jo Meegan-Corrigan, Trustee John Meehan

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

The Mayor said as everyone knows this is the next major milestone in the revamping/reconstruction of our Wastewater Treatment Plant so we are moving on target on that. Mr. Sawicki said he has an update on that. He said we just got approval from the DEC so we can maintain that March 15 bid date.

**C) Proposal Acceptance:**

Mr. Sawicki requested authorization to proceed with the required FEMA Buyout Survey. This survey would be provided by Sparaco &

Youngblood, PLLC of Harriman, NY. This proposal is in the amount of \$1200. The Mayor said that is a really good price for that. A motion approving the request was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan.

AYES: Mayor Dagan LaCorte  
Trustee Charles Falciglia, Trustee Patricia Abato  
Trustee Jo Meegan-Corrigan, Trustee John Meehan

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Mr. Sawicki requested authorization to proceed with the required FEMA Buyout Pre-Demolition Asbestos Survey. These professional services will be provided by Quest, Inc. of Wappingers Falls, NY at a cost of \$7,108. A motion approving the request was made by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan, seconded by Trustee Abato.

AYES: Mayor Dagan LaCorte  
Trustee Charles Falciglia, Trustee Patricia Abato  
Trustee Jo Meegan-Corrigan, Trustee John Meehan

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

The Mayor said again he wants to thank the team that has worked hard to secure these buyouts and obviously you know the announcements we made and he knows there is a significant amount of work until it is all done and the houses are demolished, but thank you all for your hard work. It is greatly appreciated.

**D) PUBLIC HEARING:**

Mr. Sawicki requested authorization to schedule a public hearing to modify the Local Law No. 11 of 2011. Currently the law only requires a contractor to be licensed in Rockland County. The modification would require the contractor to be a Rockland County licensed plumber. Trustee Abato asked Mr. Sawicki if we voted on this once before when this came up. She said she remembers. With hooking up to the sewer and all that stuff. Mr. Sawicki said right. He said he did go back and he looked at the minutes and based on the minutes it looked like we agreed that we would have that requirement but somehow the requirement really only was that

the contractor be licensed in Rockland County. Trustee Abato said contractor, not plumber. Mr. Sawicki said that means a contractor in Rockland County. That means you could have a landscaper or anybody and they have run into problems. He said they just had another problem this week where B Trustee Abato said but again she thinks we talked about the fact that someone had to inspect it that was licensed. Mr. Sawicki said we always inspect B the Water and Sewer department always inspects it. Trustee Abato asked what problems are we running into. Mr. Sawicki said they are not plumbers putting these systems in and they are not necessarily done correctly where you have to go back and constantly B instead of going out there and inspecting once or visiting the site once you are constantly out there. Maybe after a while a number of times to ensure that it is done properly. And it really just presents an overall problem on a regular basis. Where if you have a licensed plumber you are not going to have those problems. There are slope issues, there are cleanout issues B Trustee Abato said and we have this on a daily basis you said. A problem on a daily basis? Mr. Sawicki said a regular basis, not necessarily on a daily basis. But on a regular basis. Whenever a situation arises if a plumber isn't involved there is generally an issue that we need to deal with. He said in talking with Randy in particular and he believes Mike Stark feels the same way it really does take the burden off the Village having a qualified person do this type of work we are not breathing down their neck to ensure that they are doing the right thing. Multiple trips out to the site. So that is where we stand with that. The Mayor said so this would be a motion to set a public hearing at 7:45 p.m. A motion to set the public hearing was made by Trustee Meehan, seconded by Trustee Falciglia for April 1 at 7:45 p.m.

**VILLAGE CLERK:**

**A) Approval of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting of February 4, 2013:**

Village Clerk Virginia Menschner asked for approval of the minutes of the regular Board meeting of February 4, 2013. A motion approving the minutes was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

**B) Resolution No. 7, 2013 B Raise Funds to Rebuild Hi Tor Animal Shelter:**

The Mayor said he will do this next item. He said it is a

resolution B he said there was an article in the paper today. There is an effort to move forward to rebuild the Hi Tor Animal Shelter and he has been requested by those active in the process that the Village pass a resolution to that effect so he will read the proposed language.

RESOLUTION NO. 7, 2013

RESOLVED, that the Village of Suffern hereby supports the volunteer effort to raise funds to rebuild the Hi Tor Animal Shelter. The County is in desperate need of a new animal shelter to support the homeless pets from all towns in the County.

A motion approving Resolution No. 7, 2013 was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

**C) Present Tentative Budget to Village Board:**

The Village Clerk said that the Village Treasurer presented the tentative budget to her Monday and now the tentative budget is in their hands to work with. The Mayor said again, as he said, they will have the remainder of the week and probably we are looking at Tuesday morning to post the preliminary budget on line. So Trustees please take the opportunity with Tom. He will be back in tomorrow and the remainder of the week and set up times to meet with the various department heads. And again during that time he and Tom will also be going over the revenue figures in terms of what we are looking to bear. So by Tuesday we will have a pretty good idea of where we stand when we post it online and then at that time we will have the public hearing on March 20 to discuss it.

**FINANCE DEPARTMENT:**

**A) Request Permission to Return the Sewer Fund Balance of the Digester Cover Capital Project during the Current Fiscal Year:**

The Mayor said Tom is out and he will be returning tomorrow. He said he is requesting permission to return the Sewer fund balance of the digester cover capital project in the current fiscal year to the Sewer fund. This obviously overall will go to the deficit reduction portion of our sewer deficit. So he believes the amount is \$140,000 or \$141,000. The Mayor said that is the proper thing when a project comes in under that the balance should be returned

from the originating fund. So this is something that was discussed with both our auditors and the State auditors who are presently conducting an audit. It is obviously a good thing. It will help reduce our current deficit in the Sewer plant. A motion authorizing the request was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan.

AYES: Mayor Dagan LaCorte  
Trustee Charles Falciglia, Trustee Patricia Abato  
Trustee Jo Meegan-Corrigan, Trustee John Meehan

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

**B) Request B Approve Transfer from Capital Fund the Remaining Balances on Two Projects:**

The Mayor said the second is we have a request for transfer from the capital fund the remaining balances on two projects B the 2006 infrared heating project and the 2006 street drainage project. Total amount approximately \$35,000 will be used as a transfer to fund upcoming budget. The Mayor said so obviously this money B this is specifically going back B since it goes back to the originating fund that would be the general fund. So obviously this \$35,000 is coming back into the general fund which obviously is particularly helpful during the budget season so that is part of what we are doing B cleaning up all odds and ends so we can have an accurate projection of where we are. The motion was made by Trustee Meehan, seconded by Trustee Abato.

AYES: Mayor Dagan LaCorte  
Trustee Charles Falciglia, Trustee Patricia Abato  
Trustee Jo Meegan-Corrigan, Trustee John Meehan

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

The Mayor said lastly he would like to say that the auditors right now are finalizing the audit report for the fiscal year that ended May 31, 2012. That will be finalized in the coming days. And then obviously will be available to anybody upon their request. And it will be available, and again he would just like to say for a note, that the fund balance was in the black for the

year so we are very happy about that and obviously we are now three quarters of the way through our current fiscal year which is looking good so he thinks the finances are very strong and he applauds everybody here and all our department heads and employees for continuing to provide an excellent level of service in tough economic times so that we don't increase the burden on our local taxpayers. So good work to everybody.

Trustee Falciglia said to the Mayor that we are supposed to have an exit interview with the auditors. The Mayor said correct. Trustee Falciglia said he just wants to make sure that that is not missed. He said he told Tom a couple of times but he doesn't know where they are coming from. The Mayor said that he could reach out, there is no reason why he can't reach out directly to the auditors to set something up. The Mayor said you have their numbers, right? Trustee Falciglia said he will go to his house. The Mayor said that is definitely part of it so feel free, you and Deputy Mayor Corrigan are on the committee. He said he would just call him up and it would probably be the auditor himself and two other representatives from the firm to conduct that interview.

**TRUSTEES:**

Trustee Meehan said he had a discussion with a constituent today B a very dedicated constituent and he had asked about the project of creating emergency access to the West Ward across the railroad tracks and he was wondering what the status of that was. He said he hadn't heard anything about it in a few months. He said he didn't want to catch the Mayor off hand. The Mayor said no, it is no problem. Again it is something that we talked about that we are looking at funding. It had been something that we thought about for the environmental benefits project pursuant to our consent agreement with the DEC but he believes that was not something that was acceptable. So again we are looking for alternative solutions. One thing that held that up is obviously dealing with NJ Transit. They were unclear originally about what we would be permitted to do and what they would allow to be done. But again we are moving forward because he thinks that is something that is very important but again it is a matter of securing funding and continuing to move forward with something that seems pretty simple but is more complex when you are dealing with two states. Trustee Meehan said especially NJ Transit when your last name is New York.

Trustee Meehan said the other item B the Conserv fire occurred on February 6, 2007. It is six years ago. And during these six years people of Suffern have endured the ugly site of the burned out building. Now the owner stated that once he had a zone change, which he received several months ago, that he would demolish that building. Well that building still stands. And Trustee Meehan said he thinks the Village of Suffern has been very good to that owner. He requested a zone change and not only did he request a zone change, he would have been under the normal zone change, he would have had the right to build twenty-three units. But he didn't just want the normal zone change. He wanted waivers for side yard, and front yard and back yard and the Village Board gave him all these things. And instead of being able to construct twenty-three units, he can construct forty-eight. Do the math. It is millions of dollars. And so he is very disappointed in him and he wanted to bring that to the public's attention and Trustee Meehan has filed a complaint with the building department on that situation. He said that is all. The Mayor said he does know that they were granted final site plan approval and he thinks right now are before the building department looking to get a building permit for that project. So he is sure that that will happen and he thanked Trustee Meehan for his comments.

The Mayor said that obviously here in Suffern we are a big family and when one of us suffers or goes through pain we all do and two weeks ago we lost a long-time Suffern resident B father and husband of one of our beloved employees. Michael Cioffi passed away after a long illness and our hearts go out to Joanne and her family and he just wanted to take this opportunity to ask that we adjourn this meeting in memory of a great man, great father, great husband and a great friend of the Village of Suffern. The motion to adjourn at 8:18 p.m. was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by all the Board members. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

